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1. Augusto Duran Ospino, Secretary General of the Communist Workers' Party (PCO), maintains that the Communist Party of Colombia (PCC) should not be considered as a true Communist Party, and accused Gilberto Vieira White and other PCC leaders of using the Party to further their own political ambitions. He admits that the PCC has achieved a limited success through its policy of collaboration with Liberal Party members of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Colombia (CTC) and the Movimiento Popular Liberal [REDACTED] but he contends that the PCC position in the CTC is precarious and that it will never be able to dominate a large section of the Liberal Party by infiltrating the MPL. 25X1A
2. The PCO has concentrated on the formation of factory and union cells, while the PCC has maintained a policy of dominating the mass of labor by controlling the boards of directors of labor organizations, such as the CTC, according to Duran. He claimed that the former policy is preferable since it provides a closer contact with the masses, although it leaves the possibility of securing positions on directorates of labor organizations open. [REDACTED] Comment. The PCC may become much more powerful if the general strike, which it advocates, is successful. If the strike is unsuccessful, however, PCC leaders who are presently conspicuous in labor agitation and strike preparations will find themselves subject to Governmental repressive measures. Although the PCO is supporting the strike, it is doing so in an inconspicuous manner which will strengthen the position of its leaders in either event.) 25X1X

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